

R E M A R K S

Paragraphs [0012], [0023] and [0024] of the specification have been amended to correct readily apparent grammatical, spelling and/or syntactical errors. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 13 have been canceled. Claims 1, 6-7, 9, and 11 have been amended. New Claims 15 and 16 have been added. The applicant has carefully amended the Claims in view of the art of record and submits that Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, and 14-16 present in the case are now in allowable condition.

The examiner's observations respecting the allowability of dependent Claim 5 are noted and appreciated. Claim 1, as now amended, includes the limitations of dependent Claim 5 in independent form, together with the limitations of its intervening, and now canceled, dependent claims 2-3. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is in allowable condition and does not need to be further discussed.

The examiner had applied Kahana as a 35 USC 103 reference, viewing it to reject dependent Claims 8 and 11 over primary reference DE 35 35 679. This is inappropriate for the independent Claim 9 as now pending for the following reasons.

Claim 9, at lines 1 -3, stipulates for a filter cartridge for a standalone point of use pitcher-type water purification device that is tilted downwardly in one preferred direction to pour treated water out of the pitcher, and, among other things, stipulates for, at lines 16-19, means for retaining said water remaining in said self-wetting first and second flow passageways of said filter housing so that said water does not spill out of the filter housing when the standalone point of use pitcher-type water purification device is downwardly tilted to pour treated water out of the pitcher.

By way of contrast, Kahana's flats (76, 54, 32) seat its lid 36 and filter housing 34 into filter holder 32 in water-tight sealing relation (Kahana; column 3, lines 10-21). When the water in the pitcher is being dispensed, this occurs after treatment in the filter assembly 16. At such times, however, no water at all remains in its filter assembly 16 when its pitcher 12 is downwardly tilted to pour.

Clearly, there is no teaching or suggestion of, as stipulated for by Claim 9, means for retaining said water remaining in said self-wetting first and second flow passageways of said filter housing so that said water does not spill out of the filter housing when the standalone point of use pitcher-type water purification device is downwardly tilted to pour treated water out of the pitcher.

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Independent Claim 9 accordingly is allowable, so that it does not need to be further discussed. Since independent Claim 9 is allowable, its dependent Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 are also allowable, and do not need to be further discussed.

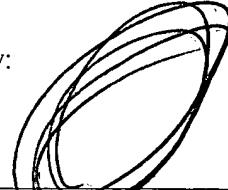
New independent Claim 16, patterned on original Claim 1, stipulates, at lines 5, 6, that its water outlet is located to the bottom of the housing, and, among other things, stipulates, at lines 9-17, for a third passageway in fluid communication between the second passageway and water outlet port that receives water from the second passageway of the tandem first and second passageways and moves it along said third passageway in a generally downward direction to said outlet port located to the bottom of said housing. The applicant has carefully drafted Claim 16 with the art of record in mind, and believes it to be patentably distinct over the art of record, taken alone or in any objectively reasonable combination.

Reconsideration, re-examination and early allowance of Claims to 1, 4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, and 14-16 are accordingly respectfully requested.

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